



## Self-Advocacy Committee Report January 1, 2014 – May 9, 2014

**Chairman:** Tom Uno

**Committee Members:** Susie Cannata, Monica Cooper, David Copins, Madeline Corzine, Tim Martin, and Elmer Saufkie

**Staff Support:** Marcella Crane

The Self-Advocacy Committee has held one committee meeting during the first quarter of the 2014 year. The following items were discussed and/or action taken:

1. Staff released a competitive solicitation in November 2013 to support the development of self-advocacy organizations. Four (4) applications were received by the due date; however 3 were non-responsive to the RFGA requirements and were not reviewed. In addition, one application was received past the due date/time and could not be accepted. An outside evaluation committee was formed to discuss the application; they recommended awarding the grant to Direct Center for Independence, (Tucson AZ).
  - a. During the Self-Advocacy Committee meeting, staff provided an update on the process and reviewed the content of the proposal that was submitted. The Committee approved the application to be considered by the Executive Committee.
  - b. Executive Committee met on May 9, and approved the award of \$81492 to Direct Center for Independence; Contract will be for one year beginning July 1, 2014.
2. By the end of May, staff will re-release the Request for Grant Application to support Self-Advocacy organizations with the intent that several organizations may re-do/re-submit their application. The Committee discussed this process and made recommendations to staff to clarify the language in the scope of work. The total amount to award is \$215,000.
3. Several self-advocacy projects that have been funded by the Council for three or more years are ending on June 30, 2014. Each of these projects supports self-advocacy efforts, and there is a potential to set aside additional dollars and release a competitive solicitation. Potential applicants may address a program expansion of the design or target area, as well as how their proposed project can be more align with the Council's Goal of Self-Advocacy. Committee members provided feedback to staff to create a Scope of Work and to discuss it further prior to releasing a competitive solicitation.
 

Self-Advocacy projects that are ending on June 30, 2014 include:

  - Pilot Parents of Southern AZ – *Partners in Policymaking*
  - Southwest Institute for Children & Families – *Project SPEAK*
  - Special Olympics AZ – *Healthy Athletes*
  - Native American Disability Law Center – *Navajo & Hopi Disability Awareness Projects*
  - Pilot Parents of Southern AZ – *Project LEAP* (renewal application received for one additional year)
4. Staff met with Consultant B.J. Tatro to develop a format for collecting evaluation data on Short term, Intermediate term and Long term outcomes. They are based on the Council's State Plan. The Short Term and Intermediate Term evaluation surveys will be incorporated in the RFGA Conference Sponsorships to be released by the end of May 2014.